

Amendments to the Claims

1. - 41. (Cancelled)

42. (New) A hand towed piece of baggage, comprising:
- a piece of baggage;
 - at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage;
 - an arm having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm being operatively secured to said baggage; and
 - a towing handle having a grip portion with a length, said towing handle being rotationally connected to said distal end of said arm so as to allow rotation of said towing handle about at least two pivot axes relative to said arm;
- wherein said arm is moveable between a retracted position and an extended position, said retracted position providing for said distal end of said arm to be situated relatively closer to said baggage than is provided for by said extended position; and
- wherein said piece of baggage can be positioned for towing by grasping said grip portion with said arm in said retracted position, and, without releasing said grasp on said grip portion, extending said arm and rotating said grip portion about said at least two axes relative to said arm.
43. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 42 wherein said motion of said arm between said retracted and said extended position is telescoping motion.
44. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 42 wherein said towing handle is T-shaped.

45. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 42 further comprising:
a locking member able to lock said arm in at least one of said retracted and extended positions.
46. (New) A hand towed piece of baggage, comprising:
a piece of baggage;
at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage;
an arm having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm being operatively secured to said baggage; and
a towing handle being rotationally connected to said distal end of said arm so as to allow rotation of said towing handle about at least two pivot axes relative to said arm;
wherein said arm is moveable between a retracted position and an extended position, said retracted position providing for said distal end of said arm to be situated relatively closer to said baggage than is provided for by said extended position; and
wherein said towing handle provides a single grip portion for grasping by a user's hand when both moving said arm between said extended and retracted positions and when rotating said towing handle about said at least two pivot axes.
47. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 46 wherein said motion of said arm between said retracted and said extended position is telescoping motion.
48. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 46 wherein said towing handle is T-shaped.

49. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 46 further comprising:

a locking member able to lock said arm in at least one of said retracted and extended positions.

50. (New) A hand towed piece of baggage, comprising:

a piece of baggage;

at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage;

an arm having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm being operatively secured to said baggage; and

a towing handle having a grip portion having opposite ends and a length therebetween;

said towing handle being rotationally connected to said distal end of said arm so as to allow rotation of said towing handle about at least two pivot axes relative to said arm;

wherein said arm is moveable between a retracted position and an extended position, said retracted position providing for said distal end of said arm to be situated relatively closer to said baggage than is provided for by said extended position; and

wherein when said piece of baggage is positioned for towing, said length of said grip portion extends in a generally horizontal plane that is spaced vertically above said distal end of said arm.

51. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 50 wherein said motion of said arm between said retracted and said extended position is telescoping motion.

52. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 50 wherein said towing handle is T-shaped.
53. (New) The piece of baggage of claim 50 further comprising:
a locking member able to lock said arm in at least one of said retracted and extended positions.
54. (New) A method of towing a hand towed piece of baggage, the steps of said method comprising:
providing a hand towed piece of baggage comprising:
a piece of baggage;
at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage;
an arm having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said arm being
attached to said piece of baggage at said proximal end and moveable
between a retracted position and an extended position, said retracted
position providing for said distal end of said arm to be situated relatively
closer to said baggage than is provided for by said extended position;
a towing handle having a grip portion with a length, said towing handle being
rotationally connected to said distal end of said arm so as to allow rotation
of said towing handle about at least two pivot axes relative to said arm;
grasping said grip portion of said towing handle with said arm in said retracted position;
extending said towing handle into said extended position;
pivoting said towing handle relative to said distal end about at least two of said at least
two pivot axes so as to configure said baggage into a towing position;

completing said step of extending and said step of pivoting without releasing the grasp obtained from said step of grasping; and
towing said hand towed piece of baggage on said at least one wheel.

55. (New) The method of claim 54 wherein said extending comprises telescoping motion.

56. (New) The method of claim 54 wherein said towing handle is T-shaped.

57. (New) The method of claim 54 further comprising the step of:
engaging a locking member to lock said arm in said extended position.

58. (New) A hand towed apparatus, comprising:

a towable member;

at least one wheel connected to said towable member;

an arm having a length extending along center axis, said length having opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm being operatively secured to said towable member, said arm being moveable between a retracted position and an extended position relative to said towable member;

a locking member locking said arm in at least one of said retracted and extended positions;

a towing handle having a grip portion, said towing handle being rotationally assembled to said distal end of said arm to allow rotation between said towing handle and said distal end of said arm about first and second pivot axes; and

a release member provided on said towing handle, said release member unlocking said locking member when activated by the user.

59. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 58, wherein said towable member includes a piece of baggage.

60. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 58, wherein said release member is located on said grip portion and is pressed inward into said grip portion by the user.

61. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 58, wherein said towing handle includes a stem joining said grip portion to said arm, said stem spacing said grip portion apart from said arm, said stem extending along said second pivot axis.

62. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 58, wherein said arm moves in an upward direction when extended from said retracted position to said extended position, said towing handle being oriented to extend in said upward direction when in said retracted position.

63. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 58, wherein said towable member includes a receptacle, said arm being provided in said receptacle and moving in an upward direction from said receptacle when extended from said retracted position to said extended position, said towing handle being positioned in said receptacle and oriented to extend in said upward direction within said receptacle when in said retracted position.

64. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 58, wherein said towing handle extends upward from said arm when in said retracted position to allow the user to grip said towing handle when said arm is in said retracted position.

65. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 58, wherein said towable member includes a receptacle, said towing handle being positioned flush with said receptacle when in said retracted position.

66. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 58, wherein said release member is located above said arm when in said retracted position to allow the user to active said release member when said arm is in said retracted position.

67. (New) A hand towed apparatus, comprising:

a towable member;

at least one wheel connected to said towable member;

an arm having a length extending along center axis, said length having opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm being operatively secured to said towable member, said arm being moveable between a retracted position and an extended position relative to said towable member, said arm moving in an upward direction when extended from said retracted position to said extended position;

a towing handle having a grip portion, said towing handle being rotationally assembled to said distal end of said arm to allow rotation between said towing handle and said distal end of said arm about first and second pivot axes, said towing handle being oriented in said upward

direction when in said retracted position to allow the user to grip said grip portion of said towing handle when in said retracted position.

68. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, further comprising a locking member configured to individually lock, into first and second positions, at least one of said towing handle and said arm.

69. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, further comprising a release member provided on said towing handle, said release member being configured to individually unlock, from first and second positions, at least one of said towing handle and said arm when activated by the user.

70. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, wherein said towable member includes a piece of baggage.

71. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, wherein said grip portion includes a release member configured to be pressed by the user to unlock said arm from a locked state.

72. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, wherein said towing handle includes a stem joining said grip portion to said arm, said stem spacing said grip portion apart from said arm, said stem extending along said second pivot axis.

73. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, wherein said towable member includes a

receptacle, said arm being provided in said receptacle and moving in said upward direction from said receptacle when extended from said retracted position to said extended position, said towing handle being positioned in said receptacle and oriented in said upward direction within said receptacle when in said retracted position.

74. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, wherein said towable member includes a receptacle, said towing handle being positioned flush with said receptacle when in said retracted position.

75. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, wherein said towable member includes a receptacle, said towing handle fitting within said receptacle and being oriented to be gripped by the user when in said retracted position.

76. (New) The hand towed apparatus of claim 67, further comprising a release member provided on said towing handle, said release member being located above said arm when in said retracted position to allow the user to active said release member when said arm is in said retracted position.